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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Applicant requests that the time for taking action in this case be extended pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) for:

(x) one month

() three months

() two months

() four months

The fee set in 37 CFR 1.17 for the extension of time is \$110.00.

() Fee enclosed. Please charge any additional fee required for this extension of time to Deposit Account No. 50-1290. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.

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() Applicant is a small entity entitled to pay reduced fees in this application.

A verified small entity statement:

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Respectfully submitted,

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